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OR91-409

Dear Ms. Jones:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252- 17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 13233.

You have received a request for "[c]opies of all records, witness statements and police reports, concerning the arrest and the prosecution of Mr. Vincent Glenn with respect to the criminal offense of theft of services." You claim that the requested information is excepted by sections 3(a)(3) and 3(a)(8) of the Open Records Act.

We have considered the exceptions you claim and have reviewed the documents submitted to us. Previous open records decisions issued by this office resolve your request. Open Records Decision No. 551 (1990) held that section 3(a)(3) applies only when litigation on a specific matter is pending or reasonably anticipated and only to information clearly relevant to the pending litigation. You have submitted to us copies of the requested documents and claim that these records relate to the pending litigation. On its face, the requested information relates to the pending litigation and may be excepted from required public disclosure under section 3(a)(3). Because we resolve this matter under section 3(a)(3), we need not address the applicability of section 3(a)(8) at this time.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-409.

Yours very truly,

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